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SUBJECT: CSCE CONSULTATIONS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES - EXPERTS MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT IS STILL IN PROCESS OF PREPARING ITS
RESPONSE TO SWISS NOTE ON UPCOMING MONTREUX EXPERTS MEETING
ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. WE WILL PROVIDE SUB-
STANCE OF THAT RESPONSE TO YOU TO PASS TO ALLIES AS SOON AS
IT IS READY. THIS WILL NOT BE IN TIME FOR JUNE 8 NATO
CSCE EXPERTS CONSULTATIONS, HOWEVER.

2. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT EXPERTS WILL DEVOTE MAJOR PORTION
OF THEIR TIME AT JUNE 8 CONSULTATION TO PREPARATIONS FOR
EXPERTS MEETING ON A SCIENTIFIC FORUM WHICH BEGINS IN BONN,
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JUNE 20. SHOULD ALLIES WISH TO HAVE SOME PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSION OF MONTREUX MEETING WHICH BEGINS OCTOBER 31,
HOWEVER, YOU MIGHT MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DEPARTMENT HOPES TO BE IN A POSITION TO ANSWER SWISS
NOTE SOON AND WILL ADVISE ALLIES OF ITS SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

B. IT IS APPARENT TO US, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH BONN AND MONTREUX EXPERTS MEETINGS, AND PERHAPS PARTICULARLY NEXT YEAR'S VALLETTA MEETING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, RAISE SOME RELATED PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. WE OBSERVE THAT SWISS HAVE INDICATED IN THEIR NOTE THAT THEY BELIEVE MONTREUX MEETING SHOULD ONLY BE FIRST OF A SERIES AND THAT "PERIODIC MEETINGS WILL HAVE TO BE ENVISAGED, AT INTERVALS TO BE DETERMINED."

C. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT ALL THREE EXPERTS MEETINGS FOLLOW MANDATE LAID DOWN BY BELGRADE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT: THAT IS, THAT THERE BE A SINGLE MEETING FOR EACH SUBJECT, THE DURATION OF WHICH SHOULD NOT EXCEED 4-6 WEEKS. EACH MEETING SHOULD DRAW UP CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND SEND ITS REPORTS TO GOVERNMENTS. THE RESULTS OF EACH MEETING SHOULD THEN BE CONSIDERED, AS APPROPRIATE, AT MADRID MEETING IN 1980 WHICH WOULD BE PROPER FORUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER AND WHAT FURTHER EXPERTS MEETINGS MIGHT BE AUTHORIZED.

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